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ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

13 AUGUST 2020

Present: Councillors Bishop (Chair) Cox (Vice Chair), Bacon, Marlow-Eastwood and Roberts.

140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

141. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

142. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2020 be approved as a true record.

143. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

None.

144. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The chair proposed a motion to exclude the public, seconded by Councillor Marlow-Eastwood.

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items of business listed below because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of ‘exempt’ information as defined in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Cox left the meeting early as she had not received the full paperwork required to make a decision.

145. APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER'S LICENCE WITH CONVICTIONS, "FIT AND PROPER" TEST.

The Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider if the driver is a “fit and proper” person to continue to hold a Hastings Borough Council Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver’s licence as a result of having a specific type of conviction from a court.

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In line with Hastings Borough Council's disciplinary code, this meeting of the Environment and Safety Committee has been called to determine if the applicant is a "Fit and Proper" person to hold a Hastings Borough Council Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence.

The Licensing Officer gave an overview of the application.

The applicant made a submission to the committee regarding the application. Committee members asked questions of the applicant.

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

The Environment and Safety Committee for and on behalf of Hastings Borough Council has considered the application for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence and has decided that the driver is a "Fit and Proper" person to hold a Hastings Borough Council Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence.

Reasons for the decision

While the Applicant had had a troubled youth, the Committee noted that since then he had "kept his nose clean" until the most recent conviction. In respect of the most recent conviction the Applicant explained the circumstances sufficiently for the Committee to believe he was a "fit and proper" person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's licence.

The Committee hope that the driver does not have any further incidences that would bring him before them again.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 18:42)